

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are now present in this application.

The specification and claim 1 have been amended. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all claims particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the instant invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Ryan, U.S. Patent 5,587,877, in view of Bang, U.S Patent 6,700,776. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Ryan in view of Bang, and further in view of Cooke, UK Patent 2,186,653. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Bang in view of Regimbal, U.S. Patent 6,762,932. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is noted that the patents to Ryan and Bang each disclose a different design for a auxiliary bracing structure for computer assembly, wherein the bracing strut is mounted on the movable rack and a lid located in the housing compartment has a slot corresponding to the bracing strut. In contrast, in the present invention, the bracing strut is riveted to the lid and a movable rack located in the housing compartment has a slot corresponding to the bracing

strut. It is respectfully submitted that this is not an insubstantial change, as it can enhance the efficiency of computer assembly and also saves costs and space, without affecting the wiring configuration..

With regard to Cooke, it is respectfully submitted that this patent is directed to scaffolding and therefore does not fall in the technical field of the present invention, i.e., auxiliary bracing structure for computer assembly. Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art would have no motivation to combine the patent to Cooke with Ryan and Bang. Even if assuming, *in arguendo*, that one of ordinary skill in the art would look to the Cooke patent, it is respectfully submitted that the auxiliary bracing structure for a moveable rack as set forth in independent claim 1 would not be obtained.

Referring to FIGS. 4 and 5, the present invention provides a case 10 and a lid 20 which are coupled together, wherein the bracing strut 21 of the lid 20 runs through the loading end 311 of the slot 31 of the movable rack 30. First the bracing strut 21 is rested on the assisted coupling member 313 to maintain the lid 20 at a desired elevation. Then, the lid 20 can be moved, such that the anchor groove 211 of the bracing strut 21 slides into the anchor end 312. The lid 20 can thereby provide bracing-assisted support for the movable rack 30. The number of bracing struts and slots, and the locations of the bracing strut and the slot relative to the movable rack, may be altered according to a user's requirements, in order to enhance the bracing-assisted function of the lid to the movable rack.

It is respectfully submitted that Cooke and the other secondary references utilized by the Examiner fail to overcome the deficiencies of the primary references to Ryan and Bang.

The present invention provides for an unfastened end of the movable rack in the case having proper support without sagging, which saves costs and space and does not affect the wiring configuration. The prior art utilized by the Examiner, either alone or in combination, therefore fails to teach or suggest the auxiliary bracing structure for a moveable rack of independent claim 1 and its dependent claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC 103 rejections are therefore respectfully requested.

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

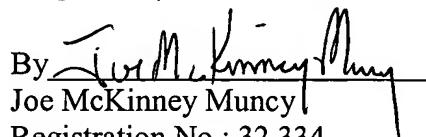
Because the additional prior art cited by the Examiner has been included merely to show the state of the prior art and has not been utilized to reject the claims, no further comments concerning these documents are considered necessary at this time.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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